**Members Voice Expectations**

The exercise began at the annual VAS meeting in October, 1985. The small group was asked to think seriously about the future of the Society and what it would take to help achieve its mission. To assist the thinking process, treasurer Joe Popecki had put together a list of statements about the organization and the participants were asked to indicate whether they agreed or disagreed with each— even to what extent.

The statements were grouped in four parts: meetings, publication, organization, activities & education. Each sheet allowed for additional statements or comments to be made by those filling out the form. Those who tested the exercise thought well of it, judging from the spirited discussion it provoked. No one left early.

A newsletter scheduled to be sent out just after Christmas wasn't ready, so the Board decided to mail the four part exercise along with the annual dues notice. A stamped, self-addressed envelope was included to persuade members to return both things promptly. By February's end, fifty-nine out of 116 were returned. Tabulation of the forms, plus the added comments produced some interesting vignettes of how we see ourselves and how we would like that vision to change.

Here are your "druthers", grouped in the four original categories.

**MEETINGS**

91% of the respondents are quite content to continue the two meeting a year schedule that now exists, but the very same number also considered the idea of a summer get-together a good idea. From the comments, many people wouldn't object to that warm weather meeting being number three in the year. Again, by the same margin, they agreed that a really good meeting could persuade them to drive a hundred miles to get to it, but only a few more than half would be willing to stay overnight to attend even the best meeting. Some suggested that local members offer hospitality to members "from away." While the vote for having "superstars" as speakers wasn't exactly overwhelming, it was difficult to

**Archeological Projects, Research Bear Fruit in 1984/5**

By Giovanna Pecorles
State Archeologist

The Division's [Division for Historic Preservation] inability to award Department of the Interior Historic Preservation Fund subgrants in 1986 abruptly halts the momentum of the last several years in which important and productive projects and research were accomplished through these subgrants. They are normally awarded on a 70/30 or 50/50 matching basis, depending on the type of project, and can be used for survey, planning, public education, and National Register nominations among several eligible activities.

The following projects were carried out in 1984 through the Historic Preservation Fund Survey and Planning subgrants:

Stephen Loring, then with the Northern Studies Program at Middlebury College, documented and analyzed the Felton artifact collection, accumulated by Richard and Sandy Felton of Leicester. The bulk of their collection derives from thirteen (13) sites, although they have collected from or know of perhaps twice that number. (Federal share of grant: $2,000.)

James Kennard, side-scan sonar operator, documented (in a report, survey forms and maps) twenty-three (23) targets, many of which are shipwreck sites, that he had identified through side-scan sonar surveys in Lake Champlain over a ten-year period. (Federal share of grant: $1,800.)

The Champlain Maritime Society carried out an intensive, systematic side-scan survey and diver verification program in portions of Lake Champlain. Thirty-nine (39) targets were identified, of which twenty-three (23) were cultural in origin (ranging from broken, scattered docks to shipwrecks). The CMS also prepared the first underwater photomosaic on a Lake Champlain shipwreck, a rare and fragile horse ferry. The results of the 1982 field season were also published. Project directors: Arthur B. Cohn, James Kennard, Scott Hill. (Federal share of grant: $54,000.)

Spring Meeting, April 19, 1986. See page 7
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Scott Dillon of the University of Vermont, assisted by staff from the Consulting Archeology Program and Vermont Archaeological Society members surveyed a small area in Milton in response to the area's heavy development pressure. Several prehistoric archeological sites previously identified by VS member Gordon Nielsen, were mapped and systematically surface collected. (Federal share of grant: $840.)

Victor Rolando contributed his long-term survey of Vermont's iron industry sites such as blast furnaces, forges and mines, and charcoal making sites, including the kilns themselves, but also entire communities that grew up next to the production sites. (Federal share of grant: $0. Mr. Rolando wholly donated his time on a formal basis, the value of which was converted into hard cash for use in other projects.)

Dr. Marjory Power of the University of Vermont prepared a non-technical booklet summarizing the Winooski site excavation project. This was based on the exhaustive technical report written by Dr. James Petersen and Dr. Power in 1983. (Federal share of grant: $2,035.)

The Champlain Maritime Society received a grant to assist Chairman R. Montgomery Fischer in carrying out the Society's numerous planning, publishing, research and public education programs. (Federal share of grant: $13,125.)

In 1985, applications for subgrants increased in number at the same time as the pool of available money decreased. We were fortunate, nonetheless, to be able to fund the following projects:

The town of Newbury and the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury carried out limited survey and testing of floodplain and terrace areas in Newbury. One of the goals of the project was to assess prehistoric site potential of farmlands being severely eroded by the Connecticut River and which frequently require protective riprapping to alleviate erosion. Project director: Dr. Tom Hemmings. (Federal share of grant: $10,000.)

The Town of Rockingham hired the Massachusetts Archeological Services of the University of Massachusetts to survey and evaluate the cultural resources on the "Island" in the Village of Bellows Falls. The survey focused on standing structures and on determining the historic archeological and prehistoric archeological potential of the Island area. This information serves as the basis for preparing a National Register nomination of the Island's cultural resources, for planning future developments and for assessing the need for further archeological studies. Project Director: Dr. Mitchell Mulholland. (Federal share of grant: $9,450.)

Following up his 1983 project, Charles Paquin undertook a second year of analysis and documentation of Dr. Gordon Nielsen's artifact collection and site data. The collection, representing material collected from the surface of dozens of sites, is especially important since it is correlated with Dr. Nielsen's field notes and sketch maps. (Federal share of grant: $4,500.)

Realizing the need for basic information on prehistoric lithic sources, where material was quarried or secured for use in tool making, Charles Paquin researched (through literature, laboratory and field work) potential and known lithic quarry sites. This information, crucial in indentifying geographic origins of flakes and tools found at prehistoric sites, will provide a sounder basis for interpreting archeological data and developing hypotheses on prehistoric patterns of life. (Federal share of grant: $5,000.)

Douglas Frink, now President of the Vermont Archeological Society, carried out a reconnaissance level archeological survey of Lamoille County. Doing literature research and field work with a strong emphasis on interviewing farmers, local collectors and knowledgeable local historians, Mr. Frink identified numerous sites and potential site areas along the Lamoille River, its tributaries and upland ponds. (Federal share of grant: $1,500.)

The Champlain Maritime Society carried out additional research and evaluation of a shipwreck believed to be one of Benedict Arnold's scuttled vessels, the Congress. With decreased federal funding limiting the extent of field surveys and evaluation programs, the CMS has focused 1985/86 efforts on preparing a long-term plan for Vermont's underwater historic and archeological resources. Further archival and literature research on the horse ferry wreck, object of the 1984 photomosaic, is also ongoing.
The 1985 subgrant will also be used to publish the results of the 1984 field season. Project directors: Arthur B. Cohn, Don Mayland. (Federal share of grant: $15,000.)

Underwater archeologist Kevin Crisman, now enrolled in the Graduate Program at the Department of American Civilization, University of Pennsylvania, is preparing a booklet on the maritime history and underwater archeology of Lake Champlain. He will also be preparing a supplementary information packet for Vermont teachers for use in grades 5 through 12. The Department of Education, appreciating the need for Vermont history materials in Vermont schools, is also providing a small but necessary funding supplement to the grant. (Federal share of grant: $3,000.)

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Vic Rolando continued his long-term efforts of identifying and recording iron industry-related archeological sites and has begun to focus increased attention on other types of 19th century industrial sites such as lime kilns, brick kilns, sawmills, etc. In 1985, he recorded and submitted documentation to the Division on 30 sites. The past issue of the VAS Newsletter (no. 52) describes Mr. Rolando's 1985 activities in greater detail. (Federal share of grant: $0.0.) It is our fortune that Vic's research efforts will continue even with the loss of federal subgrants!

Anyone who would like more information on these projects should contact me at 828-3226, or at the Division for Historic Preservation, 58 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. As noted in individual project descriptions above, some projects included published reports and booklets, often available at no cost from our Division. Several publications will not be ready for distribution until later in 1986.

**LAB AND LECTURE SERIES**

Plan to attend the remaining sessions of the VAS's Lab and Lecture Series. Each is held on a Thursday night from 7-9 pm in the Anthropology Lobby on the fifth floor of Williams Science Hall, The University of Vermont.

Lectures still to come include: March 27- "Testing Strategies", Scott Dillon; April 10- "Interpreting Faunal remains", Jerry Kocham; April 24- "Groundstone Tool Technology", Charles Paquin. Each participant is offered hands-on experience in the laboratory, assisting in cataloging and labelling artifacts collected by the VAS at sites in Richmond and Williston. Lab nights are April 3, 17, and May 1, 1986.

For further information, call 862-4374. If you live outside Vermont, call 1-802 first. BRING A FRIEND!

**Study Reveals Expectations**

figure out how a given member would judge a meeting worth travelling some distance to attend just by looking at the program.

A whopping 96% of the respondents like a mix of historic and prehistoric archeological topics on a meeting program. They were pretty nearly as enthusiastic about demonstrations, but lukewarm to "hands-on" exercises at meetings.

Members were unanimous about the fact that speakers should be understandable to everyone in the audience, professionals and amateurs alike.

There was no question in the minds of members that meetings need more widespread and intensive publicity; they also fondly remembered joint meetings with other state societies.

Should meetings be moved around the state? 84% thought it a good idea, but many suggested that regional meetings might be a suitable substitute once a year, especially if there were a return to the chapter concept, once quite popular. Forty-four of forty-six members let it be known that they highly value socializing with fellow members and asked that the lunches and/or dinners and happy hours remain a part of meeting programs.

**PUBLICATION**

This section produced less solidarity of opinion than the others, but there were threads of consistency visible. Not all thought that the newsletter was the single most important service of VAS, but most felt that some assortment of publication is of primary importance. This would include also, occasional papers and monographs. Most would be willing to have papers published in the newsletters if that were more practical than separate issues.

Most felt that "juried" articles weren't all that important- far less so than interesting, readable text easily comprehended by most any member. In fact, they thought that articles should be solicited from both amateurs and professionals. The latter group was especially adamant on this point. As for other content, a majority of respondents would like to see book and article reviews; news of the region and even of the world ("if it fits"); good photos and drawings; committee reports; and, a regular column by the state archeologist. An overwhelming majority thought it would be a good idea to establish a system of reporters or "tipsters" statewide for calling in leads about archeological activity, and even feeding back to the various regions information and meeting publi-
city. Most did not think much of paying authors and an equal number thought that text composition by word processor, now in use, is quite acceptable.

ORGANIZATION

The replies split fifty-fifty on whether there would be any advantage to enlarging the board. One member wrote, "we have enough policy-makers now, we need more people on active committees." Many thought it would be worth studying how other organizations (especially historical societies) "did it good." Mentioned were such study topics as regional meetings, chapters, methods of publication and publicity. A high percentage of members thought we should get back to formal budgeting, but a surprising minority were vocal about this being a waste of time.

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93% were enthusiastic, but cautious about affiliation of some sort with other organizations- "don't lose identity." One of the best suggestions was to explore a formal relationship with an existing museum. The same number betrayed a fear of getting involved in owning real property of our own.

An old idea, that of doing a census of members to catalog their skills and abilities won high favor. This was done back in 1970. Members had no doubts that the Society would benefit financially and in its programs if membership could be at doubled or better and they also thought highly of inviting Vermont businesses and industries to join as sustaining members. Over three quarters of the respondents thought it necessary to raise dues "substantially", but warned that members would expect more for their money. Although addressed primarily under "meetings", members urged that a committee be established to publicize meetings and other activities as widely and interestingly as possible.

Finally, most members believe that non-board members should be regularly invited to serve on board committees.

ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION

VAS members are very much interested in furthering their knowledge of archaeology and would prefer to do so both in regular meetings, and workshops or seminars. A substantial 94% of members would like to return to such activities as Society sponsored "digs". One member wrote several paragraphs about how important this activity is to recruiting and keeping members.

A similarly high percentage of respondents urge the Society to take advantage of public IV and radio for both publicity and education. Most respondents would like to see a certification program instituted in conjunction with an educational institution so that they could, if they prefer, obtain academic credit for their education efforts. One member suggested that perhaps another kind of certification program was even more important: certificates of acknowledgement for participation in field or lab work.

As in their consideration of meetings, 96% of those who filled out the exercise re-emphasized the need for respecting the social aspect of meetings and workshops. Amateur and professional archaeologists seem to like and benefit from each other's company. Also repeated with strong emphasis was the need for formalizing the public information activity of VAS and the advantages of encouraging members to write on archaeological matters for local newspapers and magazines. Likewise, responses in this section repeated the advice that VAS activate a department or committee just to publicize intensively the Society and the archaeological needs of the state. In striving to accomplish this objective, many members urged cooperative efforts with other organizations such as local historical societies, UVM's Extension Service, 4H, etc.

There was near unanimous interest in providing touring exhibits and kits, both for the benefit of the members as well as for the general public and schools.

The "opinion poll" must be taken seriously since it represents over 50% of membership and especially those members with an interest in activity and results. While responses will undoubtedly continue to trickle in, it isn't likely to change the pattern much. With surprisingly few exceptions, opinions expressed were in the 90%+ agreement bracket, although the degree of enthusiasm was stated in five levels. The current VAS Board and its committees have their work cut out.

DHP MOVES

In December 1985, the Division for Historic Preservation moved from its crowded space in the Pavilion Building to more spacious quarters at 58 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602; telephone 828-3226 (no change).
Underwater Historic Preserves
Program on the Rocks

The Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves program was established in July 1985 by the State's Division for Historic Preservation (DHP) to protect and enhance Lake Champlain's historic shipwrecks, owned and managed by the State of Vermont. The Preserve areas designated in 1985 include three shipwrecks, the Samuel Butler, the Phoenix, and an unidentified coal barge, all located within several miles of Burlington. Each such site is identified by one or two large buoys, which are used for boat mooring and which protect the wrecks from inadvertent anchor damage. Each Preserve site has signs under the water, adjacent each wreck, identifying it and encouraging safe diving. Brochures are available from local dive shops and DHP for each site. They provide historic information on the wreck, information on the Preserve system and diving guidelines. The buoys were removed for winter storage in late October. Of the five original buoys, two were destroyed by vandals, believed to be non-diving boaters.

Because the program was experimental, it was not publicized except by word of mouth. Nonetheless, 800 divers visited the three Preserves between July 15 and October 20, 1985. Based on 95 diver questionnaires (representing one to seven divers each) that were returned to DHP, 75% of the divers were Vermonters, the balance (23 diving groups) were from out-of-state. The majority of non-Vermont divers were from New York State or Quebec; others came from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, and from as far west as Minnesota and Missouri.

The program was highly successful. Not only was the State able to fulfill its legal mandate to manage underwater historic sites, its Preserve system has realized substantial recreational benefits. By providing direct access to shipwrecks which would normally be hard to locate, the program has stimulated diver interest in and respect for the Lake's history. Of equal importance, the diving community has demonstrated that increased access does not mean loss of integrity. No historic artifacts were removed, and the vessels did not sustain any damage from anchors or other sources.

Despite these successes and the obvious potential for a gradual expansion to include other sites throughout Lake Champlain, the future of the Underwater Preserves is in doubt. Due to many other Administration priorities, the Underwater Historic Preserves were not included in the 1987 budget. Unless a minimum level of funding is obtained ($10,000), there will be no Underwater Preserves program in 1986/87. The next issue of the Newsletter will contain an update on their current status.

-S.D.
From Your President.....

The quality and success of any organization is measured by the degree of member participation. Recently, the membership of VAS has indicated a waning confidence in our organization through low attendance at our spring and fall meetings. This has resulted in an isolated board of directors, unable to develop meaningful programs. This past winter, the board has been reorganized with new officers and committees, all working hard to develop a blueprint for the future of our society. This blueprint requires membership participation for its implementation.

On April 19, we will be holding our 1986 spring meeting in Montpelier. The meetings committee has organized what promises to be an exciting program of speakers focusing on recent archaeological activities in Vermont as well as activities of Vermonters elsewhere in the world. Of equal importance, future plans for membership activities will be presented. I strongly urge all members to attend, bring a friend to this meeting and participate in these new directions of the VAS.

On the topic of archaeological activities in Vermont, I would like to mention some programs being offered this summer. The Vermont Historical Society is offering its workshops on "Historic Archaeology and Rural Heritage" again this year. Two workshops, July 24-27 and August 21-24, will be given at the Goodenough-Wheeler Farmstead, Kents' Corner, Calais. Each workshop includes sessions on historical research, methodology, site preparation, excavation and interpretation. For more information, contact the Society, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602; telephone 828-2291.

The Community College of Vermont at St. Albans is offering a field course in archaeology, July 7-18. This course will focus on non-destructive methods of site survey and analysis. For more information, contact David Buchdal, CCV, 85 North Main Street, St. Albans, VT 05478; telephone 524-6541, or register at any CCV branch office.

David Lacy, who spoke at last fall's general meeting of the VAS, is continuing his survey work in the Green Mountain National Forest. David will welcome volunteers during the weeks of July 14 and August 11, for survey work in the northern Green Mountains, and during the weeks of July 28 and August 25 for surveys in the southern part of the state. For additional information, contact David in writing at the U.S. Forest Service, Federal Building, Rutland, VT 05701.

I hope that interested members will be able to take advantage of these programs. If I missed any planned projects scheduled for this summer, please send me a notice so that the information can be made available to the rest of the membership. Again, I hope to see you all at the spring meeting, April 19, in Montpelier.

-Douglas S. Frink, President, VAS

Editor's Note: The VAS has received a large number of brochures and announcements detailing various projects and field schools scheduled to take place throughout the northeast during the upcoming field season. Due to space limitations, all this information cannot be published in the Newsletter, but will be available to the membership at the spring meeting.

VERMONT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A NEW ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL VAS T-SHIRT

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SPRING MEETING 1986
APRIL 19

Tavern Motor Inn 100 State Street, Montpelier
10am-3:30pm

10:00-10:30  REGISTRATION. Coffee and donuts. Purchase T-shirts and recent publications. Pick up information on summer projects.
10:30-10:45  WELCOMING REMARKS and Report by VAS President, Douglas Frink.
10:45-11:15  HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S ACTIVITIES IN VERMONT: Another version of the Loaves and Fishes Story—Giovanna Peebles, State Archeologist.
11:15-12:00  THE BOUCHER SITE: an Overview—Louise Basa.
AN OSTEOLoGICAL ANALYSIS OF THE BOUCHER SITE SKELETONS—John Krigbaum, UVM Senior student.
12:00-1:30  LUNCH ****
1:30-2:00  1985 RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF LAMOILLE COUNTY, VERMONT—Douglas Frink.
2:00-2:30  INCIDENTS OF TRAVEL IN THE YUCATAN—William Havieland, Professor of Anthropology, UVM.
2:30-3:00  RESULTS OF THE 1985 SEASON AT PEARL STREET PARK, ESSEX, VERMONT—James Petersen, UVM Field School Director.

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